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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:
X a patent application a Continuation a Divisional a Continuation-in Part (CIP)
of prior application no.: <u>60/443,820</u> ; filed <u>January 29, 2003</u> A Small Entity Statement(s) was filed in the prior application; status still proper and desired.
Inventor(s) or Application Identifier: Van Atta, et.al.
Entitled: Methods and Compositions For Detecting Nucleic Acid Sequences
Enclosed are:
 X Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (a duplicate is enclosed for fee processing). 51 pages of Specification (including 1 page of Abstract and 8 pages of 46 claims). 1 sheet(s) of Formal/Informal Drawing(s) (35 USC 113). X Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney. a. X newly executed (original or copy)(Oath/Declaration & Power of Attorney)
 b copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (for continuation/divisional) [Note Box 5 below] c <u>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</u> (Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application) 5 Incorporation By Reference (useable if Line 4b is checked). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Line 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6	Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).	
7	Assignment papers (cover sheet(s) and document(s)):
8. <u>X</u>	Small Entity Statement(s): Applicant claims Small	Entity Status (37CFR 1.27)
9	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and	references cited.
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11	English Translation Document	
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